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WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs Eligibility and Documentation Technical Assistance Guidance

ATTACHMENTS: (1) Technical Assistance Guide (TAG): Adult and Dislocated Worker Program Eligibility

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ISSUING AUTHORITY:

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KEYWORDS:

Adult; Dislocated Worker; Eligibility; Technical Assistance Guide (TAG); Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

THIS ISSUANCE AFFECTS:

Missouri One-Stop Delivery System (MJCs/AJCs) WIOA Title I Performance/Accountability WIOA Title I One-Stop Delivery/Service Providers WIOA Adult Employment/Training WIOA Dislocated Worker Employment/Training WIOA Fiscal/Administrative Procedures State of Missouri Workforce System Procedures

FOR THE ATTENTION OF:

DHEWD State Professional Staff One-Stop frontline staff Local Fiscal Agents Local WDB Directors One-Stop Operators One-Stop Functional Leaders Service Providers Local Equal Opportunity Officers Local Quality Assurance Monitors Local JVSG Veterans Reps Local Trade Act Reps

RESCISSIONS:

OWD Issuance 08-2018, "Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs Eligibility and Documentation Technical Assistance Guidance Policy," March 19, 2019.

REFERENCES:

WIOA Section 134 [29 U.S.C. 3174]

20 CFR Part 680.

U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 23-19, "Guidance for Validating Required Performance Data Submitted By Grant Recipients of U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Workforce Programs. June 18, 2020.

U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 07-18, "Guidance for Validating Jointly Required Performance Data Submitted under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)," December 19, 2018.

This Issuance transmits the Technical Assistance eligibility and documentation requirements of the Office of Workforce Development (OWD) for the WIOA¹ Adult and Dislocated Worker programs. It includes source documentation requirements and information on Measurable Skill Gains, Credential Attainment, and minor language changes.

BACKGROUND:

WIOA requires determinations of whether individuals are eligible to receive assistance in the form of career services² and/or training services³ under Title I. The implementing rules at 20 CFR Part 680 establish general eligibility criteria, and periodic guidance from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) updates and refines the definitions of valid data and documentation. The most recent guidance⁴ of this type has prompted the need for this updated Issuance.

SUBSTANCE:

OWD's Technical Assistance Guide (TAG): Adult and Dislocated Worker Program Eligibility (Attachment 1), including a table of Eligibility and Data Element Validation documentation requirements provides technical assistance and program guidance to assist workforce system staff in making determinations for program eligibility, maintaining acceptable documentation and aligning with WIOA and State regulations, policies, and procedures. The WIOA Title I Youth Program is addressed in a separate Issuance and TAG.

The *Eligibility and Documentation Requirements Table* lists required data elements, program eligibility criteria and requirements, and the sources of documentation approved by the DOL's Employment and Training Administration and OWD. The sections of the Table include General Eligibility, Adult Program, Dislocated Worker Program, and Other Required Data Elements.

ROLES, RESPONSIBILITES, and REQUIRED ACTIONS:

All Local Workforce Development Board Directors and Supervisors should immediately inform frontline workforce system staff of the rules in the referenced online document.

All frontline workforce system staff handling enrollments and posting services to the State electronic case-management system (MoJobs) should immediately apply these rules as described to determining eligibility for basic career services, and individualized career services, and training services.

TIMELINE:

INQUIRIES:

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¹ Pub. L. 113-128 [29 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.].

² WIOA sec. 134(c)(2)(A)(i) [29 U.S.C. 3174(c)(2)(A)(i)].

³ WIOA sec. 134(c)(3)(A)(i)(I) [29 U.S.C. 3174(c)(3)(A)(i)(I)].

⁴ U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 23-19, "Guidance for Validating Required Performance Data Submitted By Grant Recipients of U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Workforce Programs. June 18, 2020.